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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

In response to the Examiner's Interview Summary (PTOL-413), dated July 19, 2004, Applicant provides this Statement of Substance of Interview pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 713.04.

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As noted in the PTO-413 Form, an interview between the Examiner and Applicant's representative was held on July 13, 2004. All of the claims of record were discussed in light of the prior art identified in the record as "USPS" and "SmartShip." Agreement was reached as to the form of claims to be presented in an Request for Continued Examination, which was filed on July 30, 2004. Applicant is waiting for continued examination of the claims on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,



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